

AMENDMENT TWO
IFB for Nursing Services
IFB # 3160004657
Questions and Answers

Question Submission Deadline: December 14, 2021, 2:00 pm

Response Issue Date: December 15, 2021

	Procurement Section, Page Number	Date Received	Question	Response
1.	General	12/1/21	What is the estimated budget for this IFB? If unknown, please specify previous spending.	We do not have an estimated budget at this time.
2.	General	12/1/21	Please provide name of the current vendor providing the services with a copy of their proposal including cost sheet.	The current providers are on the MS Pre-Approved Vendor list. The list of pricing can be found on the following link. https://www.dfa.ms.gov/dfa-offices/personal-service-contract-review/preapproved-vendor-information/
3.	General	12/1/21	Kindly provide total number of temporary staffs on current assignment?	This number varies depending on the needs of the Agency.
4.	General	12/1/21	What are the most frequently used job categories in the subject matter IFB?	LPNs
5.	General	12/1/21	What is the average length of the assignment?	The assignment length varies, depending on the needs of the Agency.
6.	General	12/1/21	Is there any preference for local vendor?	In the event of a tie low bid, MS Vendors will take precedence.
7.	General	12/1/21	Is it mandatory to have a local office?	It is not mandatory to have a local office.

8.	General	12/1/21	Kindly specify total number of FTE's working and current \$ value spent.	This number varies depending on the needs of the Agency.
9.	General	12/1/21	Kindly extend the due date, as due to holiday season it will be difficult to provide good quality proposal.	The bid date will not be extended, as the Agency is under a time constraint to ensure the contracts make it to be approved by each Board before the current contracts expire.
10.	General	12/1/21	Is it mandatory to have a physical office located within the vicinity?	No, it is not mandatory.
11.	General	12/1/21	Please change response method to portal/email only.	The submission requirements will remain unchanged.
12.	Attachment A, Page 20	12/1/21	What kind of licenses do we have to provide to suffice the below mentioned requirement:" List all licenses or permits your company possesses that are applicable to performing the services required in this IFB"	The Bidders must be registered with the MS Secretary of State.
13.	Attachment A, Page 21	12/1/21	For question "Describe any specific services such as mental health, long term care, medical surgical, et., which your company offers along with any specialized experience, certification, and/or education of your current staff", do we need to provide information of our account management team here?	This information requested is in reference to your employees that are currently providing these services.
14.	Attachment B, Page 24	12/1/21	How can we obtain MS Vendor ID No.?	https://www.dfa.ms.gov/dfa-offices/mmrs/mississippi-suppliers-vendors/
15.		12/1/21	Is there any set aside?	No
16.		12/1/21	Do you prefer a local vendor?	All bids will be considered. Although according to the Public Procurement Review Board's Rules and Regulations, in the event of a tie bid, MS Vendors will take precedence.
17.		12/1/21	Any special business licenses, permits, or certificates required in order for the	Must be registered with the Secretary of State of Mississippi.

			vendor to participate or do business with Ellisville State School?	
18.		12/1/21	Is the vendor required to submit a subcontracting plan?	No
19.		12/1/21	What is Ellisville's payroll frequency (e.g. weekly, bi-monthly, monthly)?	Attachment E page 28 section 5: _____ E-Payment: Contractor agrees to accept all payments in United States currency via the State of Mississippi's electronic payment and remittance vehicle. The agency agrees to make payment in accordance with Mississippi law on "Timely Payments for Purchases by Public Bodies," which generally provides for payment of undisputed amounts by the agency within forty-five (45) days of receipt of invoice. Mississippi Code Annotated § 31-7-301 <i>et seq.</i> .
20.		12/1/21	What is Ellisville State School's last two years' annual spending?	To view similar contract, please go to "Transparency" click "contracts" click "State of Mississippi Contracts" and under "Input Controls" filter contracts by service type (security service), under "View Contracts by" select "Contract Details". http://www.transparency.mississippi.gov/contracts/contracts.aspx
21.		12/3/21	Is this a new initiative? If not, please provide the names of the current vendor(s) providing the services.	Current Vendors, Southern Healthcare, Prime Care Nursing, Infiniti Healthcare, Maxim Healthcare.
22.		12/3/21	Can you please let us know the previous spending of this contract?	To view similar contract, please go to "Transparency" click "contracts" click "State of Mississippi Contracts" and under "Input Controls" filter contracts by service type (security service), under "View Contracts by" select "Contract Details". http://www.transparency.mississippi.gov/contracts/contracts.aspx
23.		12/3/21	Please confirm if we can get the proposals or pricing of the incumbent(s)?	The current providers are on the MS Pre-Approved Vendor list. The list of pricing can be found on the following link. https://www.dfa.ms.gov/dfa-offices/personal-service-contract-review/preapproved-vendor-information/
24.		12/3/21	Are there any pain points or issues with the current vendor(s)	No pain point issues.
25.		12/3/21	Please confirm the anticipated number of awards?	The anticipated number of awards will be between 3-5 vendors.
26.	Attachment A Bid Cover Sheet, pp 19-21	12/13/21	Will the Agency provide an editable version of Attachment A Bid Cover	A PDF version of the IFB can be obtained to be editable with Adobe.

			Sheet to allow bidders more space to provide detailed responses to the questions?	
27.	Attachment A Bid Cover Sheet, pp 19-21	12/13/21	If no editable version of Attachment A is provided by the Agency, then are bidders allowed to submit supplemental documentation (e.g. detailed narrative descriptions of specific services offered) as an appendix to Attachment A?	Page 21 of Attachment A provides an area to “Describe Specific Services ...” Supplemental documentation may be submitted, as long as it accompanies the original Attachment A, and is referenced on the Attachment A.
28.	General	12/13/21	Will vendors who currently hold contracts with the Agency be eligible for award of a contract under this new solicitation?	Yes, they will be eligible.

Bidders must acknowledge receipt of this amendment and all others by signing this form and returning it, along with your original bid, by Thursday January 6, 2022 at 12:00 PM CST. This acknowledgement should be enclosed in your bid packet following the submission instructions located in Section 8 of the Invitation for Bids. Failure to submit this acknowledgement may result in rejection of your bid.

Acknowledged by (signature): _____

Printed Name: _____

Company and Title: _____

Date: _____